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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the June 14, 2006 Notices of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. For example, comments made by the Examiner may be applicable to some of the independent claims, but are not applicable to other independent claims that lack such a recitation (e.g., allowed independent claim 28 lacks the recitation of a roster let alone the additional language noted in the comments with respect to such a roster). Moreover, recitations noted by the Examiner do not necessarily accurately reflect the actual claim language. Further, while the Examiner refers to certain claim recitations, he does not comment on other recitations that may be present in one or more claims and also define over the prior art.

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The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicant and only contains the Examiner's possible positions in one or more reasons for allowability. Thus, any interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicant. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65856-0055 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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